



NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Lamar Bertucci, age 40 of Winnebago, was sentenced to 1 year and 1 day in prison by Joseph F. Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, following his conviction for the illegal possession of eagle feathers. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service officers received a report of several eagle carcasses found alongside the Missouri River near Macy, Nebraska. During the course of the investigation an agent discovered that Lamar Bertucci had been involved in shooting the eagles. Witnesses reported to law enforcement that they were present when Bertucci shot eagles and that he had subsequently sold eagle and hawk feathers to others wanting to make headdresses. On March 28, 2008 a search warrant was executed at Lamar Bertucci's home and several eagle feathers and carcasses were recovered.

Name of Defendant: Lamar Bertucci

Age: 40

City of residence: Winnebago

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty):

16 U.S.C. 668(a), Possession of eagle part, 2 years prison, \$250,000 fine 1 year term of supervised release and \$100 special assessment

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Macy

Location of Arrest: n/a

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: n/a

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Shane Bertucci, Quentin Dick, Sr., Jeff Miller, Edgar Harlan, Theodore McCauley

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: On or about March 28, 2007

Federal Arrest Date: April 2, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: March 20, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: April 2, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): July 10, 2009

Sentencing Date: October 9, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable Judge Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since: April 2, 2009

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Judge Joseph F. Bataillon

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